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FORMITY.

A FABLE.

[illegible] ſhould deſcend [illegible] in its conduct con[illegible] the light of reaſon, he would, [illegible] be generally conſidered as a very [illegible]ow. It would be in vain for him [illegible]t his opinions by the ſtrongeſt [illegible] cleareſt demonſtrations.

[illegible]dian fabuliſts tell us, that a god, [illegible] young, and well proportioned, [illegible]e appearance in a nation of [illegible]people. This god, ſay they, [illegible]pital, was in a ſhort time [illegible]altitudes of the inhabitants. His figure appeared extraordinary, and their laughter and ſarcaſms declared their aſtoniſhment. They would have carried their affronts ſtill farther, had not one of the inhabitants, who had, doubtleſs, ſeen other men, cried out, in order to protect him—"O, my friends, what are you going to do? Let us not inſult this unhappy piece of deformity: if heaven has laviſhed on us all the gifts of beauty; if it has adorned our backs with a mountain of fleſh, let us be filled with gratitude, repair to the temple, and return thanks to the immortal gods."

This fable is the hiſtory of human vanity. A mirrour wherein if we look impartially, moſt of us may ſee a reflection of ourſelves. All people admire their own defects, and deſpiſe the oppoſite qualities. To ſucceed in any country, we muſt carry the hump of the nation into which we travel.

Ceremony of a RUSSIAN MARRIAGE.

OF all nations the Ruſſians ſeem to me to behave moſt wiſely in the circumſtance of jealouſy. The wife promiſes her huſband never to let him ſee her tranſgreſſions; and he very gravely promiſes whenever ſhe is detected, without the leaſt anger, to beat her without mercy; ſo they both know what each has to expect; the lady tranſgreſſes, is beaten, taken again into favour, and all goes on as before.

When a Ruſſian young lady, therefore, is to be married, her father, with a cudgel in his hand, aſks the bridegroom, whether he chuſes this virgin for his bride? to which the other replies in the affirmative. Upon which, the father, turning the lady three times round, and giving her three ſtrokes with his cudgel on the back, *My dear*, cries he, *theſe are the laſt blows you are ever to receive from your tender father; I reſign my authority and my cudgel to your huſband; he knows better than me the uſe of either.* The bridegroom knows decorum too well to accept of the cudgel abruptly: he aſſures the father, that the lady will never want it, and that he would not for the world make any uſe of it. But the father, who knows what the lady may want better than he, inſiſts upon his acceptance. Upon this there follows a ſcene of Ruſſian politeneſs, while one refuſes, and the other offers the cudgel. The whole, however, ends with the bridegroom's taking it, upon which the lady drops a courteſy in token of obedience, and the ceremony proceeds as uſual.

BON MOT.

A Scotch Parſon in the Rump Time, in his babbling prayer, ſaid, *Laird bleſs the Grand Council, the Parliament, and grant that they may all hang together.* A country fellow ſtanding by, ſaid, *Yes, yes, with all my heart, and the ſooner the better; and I am ſure it is the prayers of all good people.* But, friends, ſaid *Sawney*, I don't mean as that fellow means, but pray they may all hang together in accord and concord. *No matter what cord*, replied the other, *ſo 'tis but a ſtr[illegible]*

From Antient Hiſtory.

EXTRACTS.

AMONG the captives taken in the city of Conſtantinople, on the 20th of May, 1453, by Mahomet, Emperour of Turkey, was a beautiful Greek Virgin, named Irene, with whom Mahomet was ſo enamoured, that he ſpent his whole time in her company, for almoſt a year, abandoning the adminiſtration of the government intirely to his miniſters, and ſcarce appearing to his people in all that time; whereupon they began to mutiny, eſpecially the janizaries, threatening to proclaim another Emperour; and ſo much was this Prince dreaded by his ſubjects, that no man durſt acquaint him with the danger this conduct laid him open to, till at length things becoming deſperate, one of the Baſſas ventured to acquaint him with the danger he apprehended of a revolution, if he did not ſpeedily ſhew himſelf to the people. Mahomet it ſeems ſeverely reprehended the Baſſa for his inſolence in pretending to cenſure his conduct; but convinced how [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] ſaid his ſubjects ſhould ſee he had as great a command of his paſſions as any of them, and ordered, that all his great officers and miniſters of ſtate ſhould attend him in the divan the next day. In the mean time, he ordered the lovely Irene to be dreſſed in her fineſt robes, and to attend the aſſembly; where the Emperour having placed her on a raiſed floor in the middle of his Lords, demanded if they thought he deſerved cenſure for devoting himſelf to ſo charming an object: and every one declaring it was impoſſible to reſiſt ſo much beauty, he replied they ſh[illegible] he had as great a command [illegible] as any of them, and immediat[illegible] the fair Irene by the hair, ſtru[illegible]ad with his ſcymetar.

CRUELTY of CAMBYSES.

CAMBYSES, Emperour of [illegible], increaſing in his fury, cauſed [illegible] of his great officers to be buried alive, [illegible] demanded of Prexaſpes, one of his firſt miniſters, what the Perſians ſaid of him; that miniſter anſwered, "That they admired a great many good qualities in him, but wiſhed he did not love wine ſo well," "that is," ſays Cambyſes, "they imagine that wine deprives me of my ſenſes, you ſhall be judge of that immediately," ſays the King; and having drank more than uſual, he ordered the ſon of Prexaſpes, who was his cup bearer, to ſtand at the farther end of the room, and taking up a bow and arrow, declared that he aimed at his heart; and having ſhot him, ordered the [illegible] Lord to be opened, and [illegible] to him; which the arrow having pierced, he ſhewed it to his father, aſking if he had not a ſteady hand: To which the unhappy father replied, Apollo himſelf could not have ſhot better.

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